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Energetic Bluegrass Band to Take Stage at Happy Days Lodge

Utah-based Ryan Shupe & The RubberBand pair songwriting and stellar musicianship


Brecksville, Ohio – *Ryan Shupe & The RubberBand* bring bluegrass and other energy-packed styles to the stage at Happy Days Lodge as part of the Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2013 in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Doors open at 7 p.m. The group's performance is presented by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, celebrating the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Courtyard Marriott-Akron/Stow, 89.7 WKSU, Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Foundation, and Cable 9.

Admission is \$17 adults, \$12 Conservancy members, and \$5 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday by calling 330-657-2909. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$45 adults, \$30 Conservancy members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12.

RubberBand is a perfect name for Ryan Shupe and his five-man band of amazing musicians from Salt Lake City. When the band comes together, their collective talent is explosive and undeniable. It is a breath of fresh air, with an organic approach to performing an eclectic mix of several acoustic musical genres, leaning heaviest on country and bluegrass.

Lead singer Ryan Shupe originally formed the band as an outlet for his songwriting but it soon became bigger than anything he could have originally imagined. Shupe's original songs are highlighted with hot instrumental solos and tight vocal harmonies. Thoughtful lyrics, rapid-fire vocals, dynamic musicianship and hard driving arrangements make the live show a sure-fire winner!

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Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call the Conservancy at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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